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COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMPLETES ANALYSIS OF 2009 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Privatization and contracting for services will be reviewed during 2009 County Budget Hearings

Milwaukee, WI – The staff of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors has completed its initial overview and analysis of the County Executive's 2009 Recommended Budget. Areas of concern expressed at this morning's Finance & Audit Committee meeting include:

- A total of 339 positions at risk for layoff
- Transferring control of the House of Correction and the Huber Work Release Center to the Sheriff
- Privatization of certain workers at Fleet Management and the Behavioral Health Division
- Contracting out some Economic Support Division operations
- Transferring real estate functions from the Economic and Community Development Division to a new Property Management Division
- Privatizing the operation of General Mitchell International Airport
- Adding parking meters along Lincoln Memorial Drive near the lakefront
- Abolishing full-time Parks Maintenance Worker positions in favor of seasonal and hourly positions.
- No dollars in capital budget for the replacement of Milwaukee County Transit System buses

The County Board's Finance and Audit Committee, under the leadership of Supervisor Elizabeth M. Coggs, will consider the entire 2009 budget, including possible amendments to address these and other concerns, through public meetings in Room 203-R of the Milwaukee County Courthouse throughout the month of October. The County Board of Supervisors, under the leadership of Chairman Lee Holloway, will adopt the County's 2009 budget on Monday, November 10 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 200 of the Milwaukee County Courthouse. You can access the 2009 budget meeting schedule below:

<http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/CountyBudgetHearings21953.htm>

The County Board's annual Public Hearing on the County Executive's 2009 Recommended Budget is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, November 3, 2008, at the Washington Park Senior Center.

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